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A NEW YEAR LETTER TO THE EDITORIAL STAFF

The war has heightened our sense of obligation to guard the health and spirit of America. More clearly than ever before, nutrition stands out as a science that is basic to health and effective living. Agricultural planning, civilian morale, many areas of preventive medicine, rehabilitation of wartorn populations, and supplying food for our armed forces, all demand that we use to the fullest extent our accumulated and growing knowledge of nutrition.

The Nutrition Foundation is distinctly a pioneering type of organization, partly because good research is basically of that nature, advancing the frontier of human progress, and partly because it was formed at a time when it could serve as a pattern for industry to support fundamental research and education in our best university centers. Vision and courage on the part of business executives were required to establish such an organization.

We realize that the Editorial Staff has had a difficult task in preparing critical, scholarly reviews of current research studies for an entirely new type of scientific journal. The

success of your venture has been gratifying, especially since the fruit of your labor can be measured in terms of better public health and clearer appreciation of the value of good research.

By providing an authoritative, prompt, unbiased review of the world's current research literature in nutrition, you are rendering a public service that is clearly needed. The expressions of appreciation for your work from all sections of the world are frequent and come so largely from persons in positions of recognized leadership that we regard the publication of *Nutrition Reviews* as well established. The fact that subscriptions passed the 3500 mark within the first year, essentially without any promotive effort, gives further evidence of the contribution that you are making.

Congratulations and best wishes as you enter your second year!

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THE FUTURE OF NUTRITION

The growth of modern nutrition has occurred during the same years which saw the gathering of the forces which have assailed our social order. Some economists of vision had long foreseen an inevitable conflict, but few physiologists or biochemists had even dimly visualized the possibilities inherent in the newer knowledge of nutrition which has taken form in the past three decades. At the moment, the prospect of a proper solution of our economic and social problems seems utopian, whereas the continuance of enlightening progress in nutrition was never more assured.

In the experimental field, recent events have cast long shadows ahead. Professor Hopkins once described the goal of biochemistry as the description of living systems in completeness. The metabolism of none of the major foodstuffs or of minerals is completely known, but the development of new technics and their resourceful application have clarified many uncertainties and provided new conceptions of great significance. The catalysts concerned in biochemical transformations are being subjected to ever closer scrutiny. In the not distant future the roster of vitamins necessary for